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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION
November 24, 2008



COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Anne Creighton, Patrick Driscoll, Frank Kadlecsek, Foster Lopes,
Edward Murphy-Chair, Alice Pivacek

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Dwight Collins, excused

STAFF PRESENT: George Friedenbach, Acting Director of Parks & Recreation
Phil Orr, Recreation Supervisor-Senior Center
Marilyn Dippell, Acting Recreation Superintendent
Renee Furtado, Recreation Supervisor-Therapeutics
Nancy Velasco, Office Specialist II
Morgan Pershing, Reference Librarian I
Dawn Pollak, Case Manager

GUESTS: Donna Marencia, Anita Marencia, Alex Morris, Glorian Quigley,
Jean Salmon

MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION – None.

- I. CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Chair Murphy.
- II. MINUTES OF THE October 27, 2008 MEETING – Minutes were approved as written.
- III. SUMMARY OF CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – There was no action to report.
- IV. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION – None.
- V. REPORTS-
 - A. Chair's Report-Chair Murphy - No report.
 - B. Health and Wellness/Case Management – Commissioner Creighton read Mallory Von Kugelgen's report on programs. Statistics are attached.
 - C. Research on Aging Consultant – Commissioner Driscoll recommended that Interest Surveys be distributed to 500 seniors who use the Center. It was suggested that surveys be included in the January 2009 newsletter. The data collected will be available to assist in future programming at the Senior Center. A motion was made by Commissioner Driscoll to adopt the survey and distribute as discussed. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Motion passed five to one with Commissioner Kadlecsek opposed.
 - D. Council on Aging Advisory Council – Commissioner Lopes read Commissioner Collins report that highlighted a presentation from a VTA representative.
 - E. California Senior Legislature – Commissioner Lopes reported that insurance scams are on the rise and seniors should use caution when anyone is trying to sell them annuities etc.

- F. Senior Center Needs/Transportation – Commissioner Pivacek proposed that she organize another workshop covering subjects such as annuities, death of a spouse, Heart of the Valley, funeral arrangements, and finances. Commissioner Pivacek would work with staff to set a date and coordinate other details. Commissioner Driscoll made a motion to proceed with organizing the work shop. Commissioner Creighton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- G. Volunteers/Communication- Commissioner Kadlecak-stated that volunteer hours were not included in this month's report. He shared with other commissioners a website that he has found helpful in offering information to seniors <http://seniorjournal.com>. Commissioner Kadlecak also discussed the Homeowners and Renters Rebate Program that was vetoed by the governor. Discussion followed about the possibility of publicly posting legislative news that might be of interest to citizens. Acting Director of Parks and Recreation, George Friedenbach stated that he would discuss the possibility with staff to determine feasibility while adhering to city policies related to maintaining neutrality on potential political issues.
- H. Nutrition –No report.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. None to report.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Santa Clara Women's League – At the November 25th City Council meeting the Santa Clara Women's League donated a check for \$15,000 to the Health and Wellness Program at the Senior Center.
- B. Invitation for the Commission to participate in Leadership Santa Clara 2009- Commissioner Pivacek expressed her interest in participating in the program.
- C. Case Management Intern Alex Morris Presentation - Alex Morris was introduced and shared with the Commissioners the work she has been doing in the Case Management Program since the fall.

VIII. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Suggestion Box ReviewStaff recommended that the Senior Advisory Commission host a forum for community members to discuss parking at a special meeting. Senior Advisory Commission recommended that staff proceed with arranging a date and time for public meeting that is convenient for citizens and commissioners.
- B. Upcoming Events - The Commission was reminded that the annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on December 5th at 6:00pm at City Hall. Commissioners and the public are invited to attend.
- C. Facility Update
 - 1. Repairs to pools were made and all are operational again.
 - 2. Natatorium plans to be closed for maintenance from December 22-January 3. Reopen January 5.

- D. It was reported that the Men's League made a donation to the Health and Wellness Program in the amount of \$400. This money was earned at the Santa Clara Art and Wine Festival in September 2008.

IX. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS-None

X. CONFERENCE AND TRAVEL AB1234 – No Report.

XI. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Senior Center Conference Room.

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